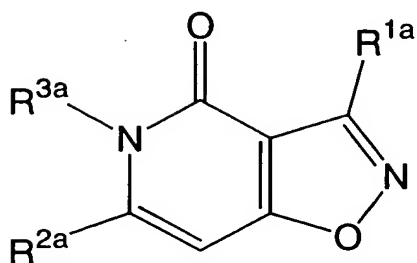


CLAIMS

(1) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives of a formula (I-a):



[I-a]

wherein R^{1a} represents an optionally-substituted heteroaryl or phenyl group, R^{2a} represents an optionally-substituted phenyl or heteroaryl group, and R^{3a} represents a methyl group, provided that, (1) when R^{1a} is an unsubstituted phenyl group, then R^{2a} must not be a para-substituted phenyl group of which the substituent is any of a methoxy group, a chloro group, a methyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a fluoro group, a bromomethyl group or a dimethylaminomethyl group, and R^{2a} must not be an unsubstituted heteroaryl group, and (2) when R^{1a} is a 4-tolyl group or a 4-fluorophenyl group, then R^{2a} must not be an unsubstituted phenyl group, a 4-methoxyphenyl group or a 4-fluorophenyl group, or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts.

(2) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is an optionally-substituted heteroaryl group.

(3) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is an optionally-substituted pyridyl group.

(4) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is a 4-pyridyl group, and R^{2a} is a methoxy-substituted phenyl or pyridyl group.

(5) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is a methoxy-substituted phenyl group.

(6) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is a methoxy-substituted phenyl group, and R^{2a} is an unsubstituted phenyl group.

(7) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is a 4-pyridyl group, and R^{2a} is a 3-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl group.

(8) Isoxazolopyridone derivatives or their pharmaceutically-acceptable salts as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^{1a} is an unsubstituted phenyl group, and R^{2a} is a 5-methoxy-3-pyridyl, 3-methoxy-4-pyridyl, 5-dimethylamino-3-pyridyl, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl or 5-methoxy-2-pyridyl group.

(9) A medicine for anxiety disorders, psychosomatic

disorders, obsessive-compulsive neurosis, bipolar disorders, melancholia, eating disorders, schizophrenia, multi-infarct dementia, Alzheimer disease, epilepsy, Parkinson disease, Huntington's chorea, pain or retrograde neurosis, which comprises, as the active ingredient thereof, the novel isoxazolopyridone derivative of claims 1 to 8.